

CASE: 1079

(1079-02). (REF 2)

--- ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ---

22 January 1993

TWO PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM CORRELATE TO REFNO 1079-0-01. PHOTOS ARE OF SEVEN VIETNAMESE MEN EXAMINING AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE (ROLL 18/FRAME 4) AND VIETNAMESE ANNOTATIONS (ROLL 18/FRAME 5) WHICH CORRELATE BASED ON DATE OF LOSS AND INCIDENT LOCATION. (REF 4)

13 October 1993

ON 1 SEP 93, THE VIETNAMESE TURNED OVER A DOCUMENT TITLED "REMAINS THE U.S. CLAIMS VIETNAM HAS RECOVERED BUT NOT YET REPATRIATED." THIS DOCUMENT WAS IN RESPONSE TO A U.S LIST OF 84 CASES FOR WHICH U.S. ANALYSTS BELIEVE THE VIETNAMESE SHOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. EACH CASE ON THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT WAS FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF COMMENT ON THE STATUS OF THE CASE. ENTRY NUMBER 05 ON THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT CORRELATED WITH REFNO 1079 AND INDICATED THE VIETNAMESE RETURNED THESE REMAINS TO THE U.S. IN 1988. (REF 6)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 21 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1080-0-01 (ACCNO 5247)	Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
Name: BOND, RONALD DALE	Date Status assigned: 11 Mar 1968	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit #
Service AIR FORCE	Sex MALE	Blood type B +
Grade 04	Hair BLOND	Complexion #
SSAN Data	Eyes BLUE	Weapon #
Serial No 003017562	Height 72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No #
Birth date 30 Jul 1930	Weight 192 lb / 87.0 kg	Duty pos PILOT
Home State NO. DAKOTA	Religion PROTESTANT	PW Camp \$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48PYS473533
Lat/Long: 102533N / 1071533E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 3
Mission Province: BA RIA-VUNG TAU
(formerly):
Mission District: LONG DAT
Mission Date: 11 Mar 1968
Mission Category: 2
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93
Investigations: Aug 93
Surveys: Aug 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (5) In the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A37A	Serial: 14506
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J8513
Call Sign: RAP 61	1 Serial: 248090
Year: 67	2 Serial: 248100

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

7 April 1975

ON 11 MARCH 1968 MAJ RONALD D. BOND WAS THE PILOT OF AN A-37A AIRCRAFT, (#67-14506), AS LEAD IN A FLIGHT OF TWO ON A CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION SOUTHEAST OF BIEN HOA AIR BASE, SOUTH VIETNAM. DURING A STRAFING ATTACK MAJ BOND CRASHED AND EXPLODED ON IMPACT SOUTHEAST OF THE TARGET; AT GRID COORDINATES YS 473 533. THE PILOT DID NOT EJECT FROM THE AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO IMPACT AND COULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED THE CRASH. GROUND TROOPS WHO SAW THE CRASH, (FROM A DISTANCE), DID NOT SEE A PARACHUTE. AN AERIAL SEARCH OF THE CRASH SITE AREA WAS MADE BY HELICOPTER.

THE HELICOPTER DID NOT LAND BECAUSE OF ENEMY GROUND FIRE, AND NO GROUND TROOPS ENTERED THE CRASH SITE AREA BECAUSE IT WAS A SUSPECTED MINE FIELD. A 13 MARCH 1968 MESSAGE INDICATES THAT MAJ BOND'S AIRCRAFT HAD CRASHED IN AN OLD FRENCH MINE FIELD AND THAT A GROUND SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE. NO SIGNS OF REMAINS WERE FOUND IN THE AERIAL SEARCH. THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WAS SCATTERED IN SMALL PIECES IN THE VICINITY OF THE IMPACT POINT. (REF 1, 2 & 3)

A COMPANY OF ARMY TROOPS POSITIONED AT AN OUTPOST NEAR THE CRASH SITE MOVED THROUGH THE AREA OF THE CRASH AND RETRIEVED THE SERIAL NUMBER PLATE OF THE AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, THE COMPANY DID NOT FIND ANY PORTIONS OF MAJ BOND'S REMAINS. (REF 4)

ON 29 JUNE 1973 A VILLAGE CHIEF CLAIMED TO HAVE WATCHED AN AIRCRAFT CRASH IN THE DAT DO DISTRICT AND SAW MANY HELICOPTERS OVER THE CRASH SITE. HE SAID THAT THE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE WAS HEAVILY MINED AND HAD NEVER BEEN CLEARED. (REF 5)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THE PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE DISCUSSED THIS CASE WITH THE PROVINCE CHIEF. DETAILS OF THE CASE WERE GIVEN TO THE TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION WHICH DECLARED THE AREA TO INSECURE TO EVEN CONSIDER AN ON-SITE INVESTIGATION. ATTEMPTS TO FIND AN INDIGENOUS INVESTIGATOR WERE UNSUCCESSFUL PRIOR TO JCRC ACTIVITIES BEING TERMINATED IN VIETNAM. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING.

MAJ BOND IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

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=== REFERENCES ===

7 April 1975

REFERENCES: <1> MSG , 3D TAC FTR WG, BIEN HOA AB, AFIN 12124, 110715Z MAR 68. <2> MSG , 3D TAC FTR WG, BIEN HOA AB, AFIN 12143, 111000Z MAR 68. <3> MSG , FAC FTR WG, BIEN HOA AB, 130705Z MAR 68. <4> MSG , 3TFW BIEN HOA AB, 300925Z MAR 68. <5> RPT , ARR, BA RIA, PHUOC TUY PROV, 29 JUN 73. <6> 240556Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

2 May 1975

COORDINATES CHANGED FROM YS 481 541 TO YS 473 533 BASED ON LETTER, HQ USA SPT CMD SGN, 18 MAR 70, SUBJ; OPERATION COMPASSION.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

13 October 1993

ON 16 SEP 93, IE4 TRAVELED TO PHUOC HAI VILLAGE IN LONG DAT DISTRICT. TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1080. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES WHO HAD BOTH FIRST AND SECOND HAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CASE. WITNESSES LED IE4 TO THE SITE WHICH WAS LOCATED VERY CLOSE TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION. THE SITE WAS BULLDOZED AFTER THE WAR AND ALL VISIBLE SIGNS OF THE CRASH HAVE BEEN REMOVED. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE SITE AND FOUND NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF A CRASH. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. (REF 6)



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NARRATIVE

ON 11 MARCH 1968, MAJOR RONALD D. BOND WAS FLYING AN A-37A
AIRCRAFT (SERIAL NUMBER 67-14506) IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT ON
A CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION. HIS AIRCRAFT CRASHED DURING A
STRAFING PASS IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YS473533,
APPROXIMATELY 6 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DAT DO AND 4 KILOMETERS WEST
OF LANG PHUOC HAI, BA RIA-VUNG TAU PROVINCE. THE OTHER FLIGHT
MEMBER DID NOT SAW NO PARACHUTE AND HEARD NO BEEPER SIGNALS. A
GROUND TEAM VISITED THE CRASH SITE AND RETRIEVED THE SERIAL
NUMBER OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE TEAM REPORTED THE AIRCRAFT WAS
COMPLETELY DESTROYED AND DID NOT RECOVER ANY REMAINS OF THE
PILOT.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: BOND, RONALD DALE
RANK: MAJOR, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 30 JULY 1930
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.83 METERS
WEIGHT: 87.0 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BLOND
EYES: BLUE

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 19 OCTOBER 1993

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 1081-0-01 (ACCNO 5774) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: ROGERS, EDWARD FRANCIS Date Status assigned: 12 Mar 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	E2	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	68 in / 1.73 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	29 Sep 1948	Weight	123 lb / 55.7 kg	Duty pos	RIFLEMAN
Home State	MASSACHUSETTS	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

SITE INFORMATION

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48QYD274675
Lat/Long: 165253N / 1070806E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG TRI
(formerly):
Mission District: BEN HAI
Mission Date: 12 Mar 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Folders Passed: Jul 93, May 92
Investigations: Aug 93
Surveys: Aug 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE

VEHICLE DATA

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type:
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

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